



The FSN Network is an open community of practice working to strengthen food security in households and communities through knowledge sharing and collaboration for improved programming and implementation.



Upcoming Events

[Care Groups Implementation Training](#),

TOPS, Counterpart International, June 10-14, Arlington, VA

[Better Evaluation and the American Evaluation Association Coffee Break Webinars](#)

Tuesdays and Thursdays in May

[Harnessing the Power of Cross-sectoral Programming to Alleviate HIV/AIDS and Food Insecurity](#)

FHI 360, SEEP, USAID, May 30, 8:30 AM - 5:30 PM, WDC

[Organizational Capacity Development: How Do We Measure Impact?](#)

AIDSTAR-Two, USAID, May 30, 9:30-11:30 AM, WDC, Webinar option available

[Fighting the "Hidden Hunger" Entrepreneurial and Social Innovations to Overcome Malnutrition](#)

KfW, Ashoka, June 3, 7:30-9:30 PM, Frankfurt, Germany

[Webinar: Agriculture and Nutrition Program Integration in Guatemala](#)

SPRING, USAID, June 4, 9:30 AM EST

[Economic Strengthening Programs as Drivers of Child Wellbeing](#)

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There are many ways to participate in the FSN Network:

- Join an [online community](#) to share questions with peers
- Attend a technical [knowledge sharing meeting](#)
- Access tools from our [resource library](#)
- Follow daily news from the FSN Network on [Twitter](#) or [Facebook](#)

Accepting Applications: TOPS Care Groups Implementation Training, July 15-19, Monrovia, Liberia

TOPS will be hosting a training in English based on the recently updated guide, Care Groups: A Training Manual for Program Design and Implementation. The training will take place in Monrovia, Liberia from July 15-19, 2013. There is no charge for this training. Breakfast, lunch, and morning and afternoon breaks will be provided at the training venue. Supplies and lodging costs will be covered for participants. Participants are on their own for the evening meal.

This training, open to food security implementers working in maternal and child health and nutrition, will help in the design, training, implementation and monitoring of Care Group and/or Cascade Group programs.

The training workshop will also include several sessions focused on infant and young child feeding practices.

Space is limited to 20 people. We will begin accepting applications immediately. Please fill out the attached form found at [this link](#) and send to Mary DeCoster, mdecoster@fh.org, TOPS Social and Behavioral Change Programs Coordinator.

Save the Date: TOPS Designing for Behavior Change (DBC) Country Level Workshop, August 5-10, Alta Verapaz, Guatemala

TOPS, in collaboration with Mercy Corps in Guatemala, is planning a DBC Regional Workshop from August 5-10 in Alta Verapaz, Guatemala. Health/Nutrition, Agriculture/Natural Resource Management, Social and Behavioral Change, or other program staff who are fluent in Spanish are encouraged to attend. TOPS will accommodate up to three field staff members per organization. Details on how to apply or propose field staff participants for this workshop will be released in June and can be found here on fsnnetwork.org. We expect that participants will use what they learn at this workshop,

FHI 360, SEEP, USAID,
June 6, 1:30-5:30 PM,
WDC, Webinar option
available

[Improving Nutrition in
Food Systems in Latin
America and the
Caribbean](#)

World Bank, June 12,
9 AM - 6 PM, WDC

[Assessing Public Health
in Emergency Situations](#)

Centre for Research on
the Epidemiology of
Disasters (CRED),
Université catholique de
Louvain, July 1-12,
Brussels, Belgium

Did You Know?

USAID has two [mobile apps](#) available in the iPhone App Store. One is for the Development Experience Clearinghouse (DEC), USAID's online document archive, and provides access to USAID funded evaluation reports. The Portfolio Map app is for accessing information about the development work USAID is performing every day.

New Publications, Guides & Tools

[Edible Insects: Future Prospects for Food and Feed Security](#) from FAO

[FAO Policy on Gender Equality](#) from FAO

[Resilient Livelihoods: Disaster Risk Reduction for Food and Nutrition Security](#) from FAO

[Fickle Food Prices in Africa: Fact or Fiction?](#) from IFPRI

Articles

share their results, and replicate the training with food security implementers in their organization and partnering organizations.

Online Event on USAID's New Collaborating, Learning and Adapting Framework: A Dialogue Between Missions and Partners

USAID's Policy, Planning and Learning Bureau is hosting a webinar and online discussion running from June 4-5, 2013 to introduce the Collaborating, Learning, and Adapting (CLA) framework and provide examples of how USAID Missions and their partners are working to coordinate and collaborate, while continuously learning and adapting to change in order to increase the impact of USAID's programs. TOPS is one of the presenters in the webinar and will co-facilitate some of the proceedings.

- **Webinar:** June 4, 9:00 AM EDT on Adobe Connect
- **Online Discussion:** June 4 - 5
- [Register here](#)

Participants will explore emerging approaches and lessons learned from USAID Missions that are integrating CLA into their strategic plans, project designs, and implementation, and from implementing partners who have participated in longstanding learning networks and those just beginning to grapple with CLA integration in Mission programs. Be sure to visit the [event page](#) and register for both activities.

Agriculture and Nutrition Global Learning and Evidence Exchange (AgN-GLEE), June 18, Washington, DC

The Bureaus of Global Health and Food Security, in collaboration with the Strengthening Partnerships, Results and Innovations in Nutrition Globally (SPRING) project, are hosting the fourth AgN-GLEE on Tuesday June 18, 2013. This day-long event will focus on a key priority in the U.S. Government's international development and investment strategy: the integration of agriculture and nutrition strategies and activities. Key concepts and outcomes from the three Regional AgN-GLEE workshops conducted in Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Caribbean will also be shared. Interested organizations are welcome to select no more than two employees to participate in person. Please [register here](#) no later than June 11.

A webinar will also be offered for those who are unable to attend in person. To participate online, choose the option to "attend by webinar" during registration. Additional information about the webinar will be shared two weeks before the event.

If you experience difficulties registering or have any questions about the meeting, please contact Heather Danton at heather.danton@gmail.com.

FSN Network Task Force and Interest Group Meetings

Newcomers are welcome to attend the following meetings. Click on the meeting name for more information:

[Careless Food Storage Sidelines Swaziland's Hungry](#) from *IRIN*

[Pastoralism's Economic Contributions are Significant But Overlooked](#) from *IRIN*

[Analysis: Slowing Nigerian Grain Trade Threatens Sahel Food Security](#) from *IRIN*

[Floods, cyclones ... Business and Governments Must Wake Up to Disaster](#) from *The Guardian*

[Soaring Food Prices Make Money Top Concern Over Love and Status - Report](#) from *The Guardian*

- [Commodity Management Task Force Meeting](#), May 30, 10 AM EST

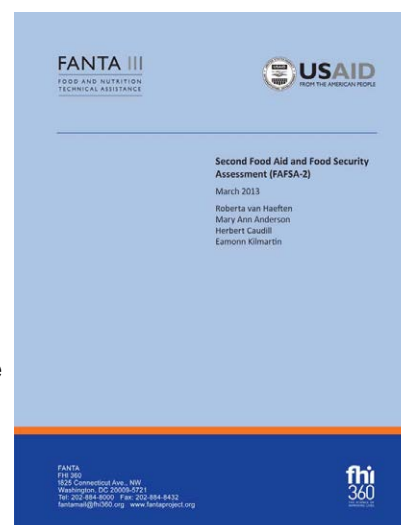
From the Online Community: Engaging Men and Elder Women as Influencers

What has your experience been with engaging fathers and grandmothers as influencers to improve nutrition outcomes for mothers and children? How can we best do that in a cost effective way, without reducing the number of households reached? Can this approach bring results in other sectors beyond nutrition? Join other members of the FSN Network in a [discussion](#) looking into the challenges and promising practices of engaging these groups as influencers.

View the discussion and share your thoughts with the [online community](#) today.

Featured Information Resource: Second Food Aid and Food Security Assessment (FAFSA-2) Full Report and Summary

This report, from FHI 360's Food and Nutrition Technical Assistance III Project (FANTA), provides a comprehensive review of the U.S. Agency for International Development Office of Food for Peace (USAID/FFP) Title II development food aid program from FY 2003 to FY 2009. Overall, the results of the FAFSA-2 analysis indicate that Title II development programs can reduce undernutrition in young children, improve a number of important maternal and child health and nutrition outcomes, and increase household access to income and food. The FAFSA-2 identifies approaches and practices that are more likely to contribute to positive food security impacts, examples of approaches and practices that have not worked well, and recommendations for future programs. A summary report is also available, which provides a synopsis of the findings and recommendations that are expanded on in the full report. For more information and to download a copy of the FAFSA-2 and Summary Report, visit fsnnetwork.org.



Job Postings

- [Senior Knowledge Management Specialist-TOPS Program](#) based in WDC with CORE Group
- [Agriculture Officer](#) based in WDC with Mercy Corps
- [USPSC Grants Management Assistant/Specialist](#) based in WDC with USAID
- [USPSC-Food for Peace Officer](#) based in WDC with USAID
- [Surge Food for Peace Officer](#) based in WDC with USAID
- [USPSC Senior Grants Management Specialist](#) based in WDC

- with USAID
- [Technical Advisor, Nutrition and Infectious Diseases, FANTA III Project](#) based in WDC with FHI 360
 - [Senior Field Researcher - Friedman School of Nutrition Science & Policy](#) based in Boston, MA/Burkina Faso with Tufts University
 - [Scientist, Nutrition & Biodiversity](#) based in Rome with Bioversity International
 - [Africa Regional Program Coordinator, Enhanced Homestead Food Production](#) based in Senegal with Helen Keller International
 - [Director of Food and Nutrition Security](#) based in WDC with PCI
 - [Technical Advisor - Livestock and Food Security](#) based in Portland, Oregon with Mercy Corps
 - [Consultant, Micronutrient Powders \(MNP\) Community of Practice Coordinator](#) based in WDC with PSI
 - [Science Coordinator](#) based in Kenya with African Women in Agricultural Research and Development (AWARD)
 - [Senior Program Manager - Economic Empowerment](#) based in WDC with Vital Voices Global Partnership
 - [Agriculture & Nutrition Advisor-SPRING](#) based in Arlington, VA with Helen Keller International
 - [Food Security & Nutrition Manager-SPRING](#) based in Arlington, VA with Helen Keller International
 - [Research Advisor-SPRING](#) based in Arlington, VA with Helen Keller International
 - [Agriculture & Nutrition Specialist](#) based in Arlington, VA with Helen Keller International
 - [Agriculture Advisor-SPRING](#) based in Arlington, VA with Save the Children
 - [Associate Director, Food Security and Nutrition-SPRING](#) based in Arlington, VA with Save the Children
 - [HIV/Nutrition Advisor-SPRING](#) based in Arlington, VA with Save the Children
 - [Social and Behavior Change Communications Advisor-SPRING](#) based in Arlington, VA with Save the Children
 - [Public Donor Liaison](#) based in Baltimore, MD with Catholic Relief Services
 - [Consultant, WASH-Nutrition](#) based in India with UNICEF

Funding and Other Opportunities

- TOPS has revised and enlarged its Micro Grant small grant program to encourage greater flexibility in strengthening capacity for effective programming, which the Micro Grants are intended to support. TOPS has raised the ceiling from the original \$20,000 maximum award to \$50,000. The intent of the Micro Grant program is still to encourage innovative capacity strengthening activities for partners and TOPS would encourage applicants to base their training budgets at around the original funding level. Additional funding would be available for assessment and documentation of promising practices, to contribute to gathering the evidence base for effective programming and future capacity building. To access the RFA document for description of the program and for instructions on applying, [click here](#).

The [GSMA mWomen Programme](#) aims to accelerate the use of mobile technology to achieve positive social and economic outcomes for resource-poor women. Concept notes for the GSMA mWomen Innovation Fund grants for Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) are due Wednesday, June 12, 2013. For more information and necessary materials, [click here](#). Please write to mWomengrants@gsma.com if you intend to submit a concept note, or have any questions.

- The University of California San Diego and World Wildlife Fund are launching a new international certificate program in Advanced Terrestrial Carbon Accounting. The certificate course will be held in August 2013 on the UC San Diego campus in southern California. Application information can be found [here](#). The deadline for applicants outside of the US who require a visa was April 15. US applicants have until June 15.
- The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation is accepting Letters of Inquiry for the development of a consortium with both agricultural and nutrition expertise, with the mandate of "Improving Nutrition Outcomes through Optimized Agricultural Interventions" in Africa. This grant opportunity is open until June 7, 2013 at 9 AM Pacific Standard Time. Full descriptions of the grant opportunity and application instructions are available [here](#).
- Applications are invited for an AHRC-funded PhD working on food distribution networks between 1920 and 1975. This studentship is one of eight fully-funded awards made by the newly-established Collaborative Doctoral Partnership managed by the Science Museum Group. Applications should be sent by June 12, 2013. For more information, [click here](#).

If you are not already on our e-mail list, sign-up [here](#). We welcome news of events, tools, trainings, country updates and other content from the broad FSN Network community. Please send any suggested content to commentsfsn@gmail.com.

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The FSN Network is being spearheaded by TOPS, a USAID/FFP funded program seeking to build the capacity of FFP grantees and other food security and nutrition implementers. The program is working to improve the quality of implementation through fostering collaboration, innovation, and knowledge sharing around food security and nutrition best practices. For more information about TOPS please click [here](#).



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